

Stevenson & Co.

717-719 Kansas Avenue.

Carpets, Curtains, Draperies, Etc.

Spring is at hand and the season advanced for the semi-annual house cleaning and re-decorating of our homes.

We invite you to call and inspect the beautiful array of goods displayed in our upholstery department from the cheapest grades to the best materials in both foreign and domestic manufacture.

We call your special attention, first, to our Lace Curtains, in the various grades, running from the Nottingham at 90c to \$5.00 per pair, Irish Point from \$3.75 to \$9.00 per pair, Swiss Curtains from \$4.25 to \$7.50 per pair, Brussels Curtains from \$7.50 and upward, Guipure Curtains \$4.25 pair, Antique Curtains \$5.75 per pair.

Our assortment of Muslins for Sash Curtains is complete in every particular, from the Tambour, 15c per yd., to the Egyptian Net at 65c, comprising the largest collection of patterns ever shown in this city. Madras from 30c to 65c per yd., in ecru, lemon and tinted shades. Silkline in choice designs and colorings, with fringes to match. The largest assortment of Chenille Curtains ever exhibited by us and at the lowest prices ever offered—from \$2.98 to \$15.00 per pair.

An elegant assortment of Silk Portieres from \$8.75 to \$13.50 per pair.

Beautiful patterns in China Silk from 65c to \$1 yd. We have several pieces of plain China Silk, reduced from 75c and 65c to 42½c per yd.

Furniture Coverings.

We have material for covering your furniture from 50c and upwards.

Bamboo Curtains, new patterns, from \$4 to \$5.50 each.

Rope Portieres in the latest colorings and style, ranging from \$5 to \$8 each. One portiere is wide enough for double doors.

Shades. Shades.

We have ready made shades from 25c to 75c each. Also a large assortment of material for shades, such as Opaque, etc., which we make up to your order on short notice. Workmanship guaranteed.

Curtain Poles and a general line of Upholstery Hardware, Fringes, Cords, Gimps, Curtain Loops, etc.

Carpets.

On the same floor is a veritable carpet store—the best lighted, the most extensive, the largest stocked carpet wareroom in Kansas.

Our assortment of Axminsters, Moquettes, Tapestries, Body Brussels and Ingrain carpets is unparalleled. We can sell you Ingrain carpets at 20c, 25c, 35c, 40c, 45c, 50c, 60c, 65c, 75c per yard.

Anyone can afford to cover their rooms at these prices.

We are headquarters for Straw Matting. Just think of buying a fair quality of matting at 14c yd.

We will be pleased to show you our goods even if you are not quite ready to buy—we are confident when you decide to carpet that room, you will bear in mind what you have seen here.

Dress Goods.

Grenadines in plain and iron frame, plain satin stripes and brocade satin stripes.

Kafatsuke Crepe in black and colors—The success of the season.

Fancy Silks for waists and garnitures—They are lovely; the talk of the city.

Habitau and Kai Ki Silks—The wash silk for waists are very desirable.

Natural Pongees—A good assortment from 25c to 65c yd.

Printed China Silk—A large line in both light and dark grounds, including a good selection of the celebrated "Cheney Bros." make.

Black Wool Goods.

We consider that we have the largest stock, newest styles and best values of any house in Kansas. Some of the special things in the Priestley's make are Tamise, in figured and plain, Melrose in plain and stripe, Challes, Nun's Veiling, Ravenna, Railway Cord. Special attention is called to the following: The best Croise in the market for 75c, Cravenette, 45-in., at \$1.25. Another case of those India Twills and Henriettas, 45-in. wide, at 59 cents.

We are prepared to supply goods for graduating dresses, in Silk: White China, Pongee, Shanghai, Surah, Faille and Crepe. In Wool: Cashmere, Henriett, Albatross, Nun's Veiling, Foul'e, etc.

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CRUELTY IS REFINED.

Hitchcock Made Boys Bend Over With Hands on Toes.

IN THIS POSITION LASHED THEM

Others He Kicked—The Testimony All and More Than Was Expected by the Investigators.

The evidence of Robert Heart in the reform school investigation yesterday, further than that published in last evening's STATE JOURNAL, revealed in his cross examination that Superintendent Hitchcock had talked with him regarding his prospective testimony at the examination and had rehearsed his side of the story to the witness and had further been extraordinarily kind to him since the examination became an assured fact. Also that Hitchcock had given orders that Justus, the ex-teacher, should not be allowed to talk with the boys at all nor visit the premises. Two other boys were examined in turn and their stories were similarly damaging to the defense. The history of the bathroom incident was reviewed in detail and it was shown how when the squad of 24 boys was bathing Hitchcock had entered the room in anger at the noise of splashing and laughter, and had beaten some of the boys upon their naked bodies.

Henry W. Justus, the deposed teacher and officer, and the most important witness for the complaining side was then called and testified, after the usual preliminary questions that he had been a school teacher for the last 10 or 12 years, that he had occupied positions as superintendent of schools with about five teachers and 300 or 400 pupils under him for about four years; that since the first of February last he had held a position in the Reform school as family officer of the east family and teacher; that he had not been at the Reform school at any time prior to the Saturday before the Monday on which he assumed his duties; that he had never received any instructions from the superintendent in regard to his duties; that he had never received any written or verbal rules from the superintendent prescribing his duties as officer or teacher either general or otherwise; that he sometimes applied at the office, but the superintendent was seldom there and he did not get the necessary instructions.

"When did you cease the charge of that family?"

"I think it was a week ago last Thursday that I was summarily dismissed and ordered off the premises."

"Did you have any school connected with your family?"

"I did for about five or six weeks after I came here. Then the school was suspended by the superintendent. The condition of the school was good and the boys were intensely interested."

"What interest, if any, did the superintendent take in the schools?"

"He never conferred with me in any instance with reference to it. He would look in at the glass door until he saw some pupil in momentary idleness and then take the offending boy into the parlor and cowl him without saying anything to me about it. I had the best of order. Of course the school boys of the (baby) family were not expected to be very studious. My boys were from 7 to 8 and 12 to 13 years old."

"How often did he do that?"

"Very frequently."

"What would his manner be and what would he say?"

"Nothing. He would deliberately take the boy out and flog him. If I have any idea what good discipline is I always had it. I saw nothing in the boys worthy of punishment. It is my custom to appeal to the better nature of the boy and teach him to be good from a love of duty rather than from the fear of punishment. I don't remember anything at any time that I would have given a similar punishment for. At different times he gave me to understand that I was not severe enough and wanted me to be more so. When I first came he had three boys stripped of their coats and put in the mode of punishment expected of me, requiring the boys to bend forward until their fingers touched their toes and then the officer administered the strap accordingly."

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PLUMS FOR SATURDAY

These words are directed to people who are willing to SAVE MONEY. Let the PRICES do the rest.

Men's Fast Black Hose without any seams, sold everywhere at 25c.

Saturday, 15c a pair

Also 1 lot Black Hose, half regular made, worth 15 cents.

Saturday, 10c a pair

Gent's Grey Tweed Sack Suits, round or square cut, regular value \$12.50.

Saturday, \$9.00

Seventy-five cent quality Bleached Drill Drawers, elastic bottoms.

Saturday, 48c

Perfectly made Blue Denim Overalls, that can be relied upon to fit and wear, worth 75c.

Saturday, 48c

Ties with large aprons (the latest style), magnificent patterns and silks, regular 75c and \$1.00.

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A large lot Boys' Knee Pant Suits, mostly one suit of a kind, all sizes. Qualities that sold at \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$5.50.

Choice Saturday, \$2.48

Boys' 25c Shirt Waists, all sizes.

Saturday, 15c.

Men's 75c Black Satine Shirts, made as shirts ought to be made.

Saturday, 48c.

Fifteen Handsome Styles of Men's Spring Suits in ALL WOOL Spring Cassimeres, Cheviots and Tweeds, in Straight or Round Cut, Single or Double Breasted, worth \$15.00 and \$16.50.

Saturday's Price, \$12.00

Gentlemen of most refined taste can wear these suits with pride and satisfaction. They are suits that reflect credit upon the tailoring art.

Gent's Latest Style Fedora Hats, in Black and Brown Regular \$2.00 quality.

Saturday, \$1.25.

Remember this is for TOMORROW ONLY.

S. S. Barnum & Co.

NORTH TOPEKA.

Items of Interest from the North Side of the River.

Fresh spinach, lettuce, radishes, onions, asparagus, at Goodman Bros.

Fresh white fish, trout, pike, pickerel, white perch, cat fish, at Goodman Bros., 841 Kansas avenue.

S. A. Balliet of Abilene, is visiting his daughter Mrs. E. R. Potter, on his return home from the east.

Daniel Dunlap, who has been a guest of A. M. Cross for some days, has returned to his home in Hamilton, Mo.

M. A. Funchess, a druggist of the south side, has moved his family from Horton and is located at 1310 Monroe street.

C. C. Bell of Booneville, Mo., is visiting his brother-in-law Will Luckhardt. Mr. Bell is a candidate for congress in his district.

Orlin McCall is suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism and is confined to his home, corner of Harrison and St. John streets.

A party of North side young people attended a party at the home of Miss Clara Beuchner near Elmont last evening, in honor of her birthday.

Engine Lodge I. O. O. F., celebrated